GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to prepare a special Tribal DevelopmentProject for tribal dominated Kashipur Biock in Rayagada District of Orissa keeping in view the large number of starvation deaths;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) to (c) Development is an on-going process. However, a Central Sector Scheme forsetting up of village grain banks in tribal villages was launched in 1996-1997 in selected areas out of the areas identified by Central Planning Committee (CPC) forpreventive measures against death of tribal people by providing a safe-guard against fall in nutritional standards. The scheme provides that villagers in identified areas can form an committee and set up grain banks in villages. This Ministry provides one time 100% grant for setting up grain banks @ 100 Kg of locally consumed food grains per family. The members can borrow from this bank in time of need and repay after harvest or getting income as wages. Under the scheme, funds are released to the State Governments throughTribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED). 11 blocksin Rayagada District have been identified by the CPC. However, the list is only indicativeand not exhaustive. Funds released by TRiFED to the State Government of Orissa for the targets specified and the number of the Grain Banks established since 1996-97 are as under:

(Rs.in crores)

Year	No.of Grain Banks to be established	Amount released	No. Of Grain Banks
1996-1997	32	20.48	32
1997-1998	35	22.40	35
1999-2000	197	100.00	117
2000-2001	281	181.96	Report yet to be received
2001-2002	197	100.00	Report yet to be received
Total	742	427.84	184

all state Goverments including orissa have been asked to take advantage of the scheme.